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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN: VISIT TO SPAIN BY SILVIO BEDINI

1. MR. SILVIO BEDINI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY, HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE GOS TO VISIT SPAIN FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS ETA 0735 APRIL 4 IBERIA FLIGHT 934. PURPOSE SELECT AND EVALUATE MATERIAL FOR EXHIBITION "COLUMBUS AND HIS TIME" TO BE PRESENTED THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES AS SPANISH CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

2. ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HANDS OF GOS, HOWEVER SINCE BEDINI'S ITINERARY WHICH SPANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON INTENDED TO POUCH TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CULTURAL RELATIONS IN MFA SOMEHOW FOUND ITS WAY INTO U.S. MAIL SYSTEM AND LOST ITS ENVELOPE OUR POSTAL SERVICE RETURNED THE LETTER TO BEDINI ON BASIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENCLOSURES.), SMITHSONIAN IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER MFA HAS EVERYTHING PREPARED. EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED INQUIRE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS

REGARDING BEDINI VISIT AND CONFIRM HOTEL RESERVATION MADRID.

3. ITINERARY INCLUDES FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS MADRID:
BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL Y ARQUEOLOGICO; MUSEO DEL EJERCITO;
ROYAL LIBRARY; ARCHIVO REAL; FABRICA NACIONAL MONEDA Y
TIMBRE; MUSEO NAVAL; INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO Y ESTADISTICO;
INSTITUTO DE SAN ISIDRO; INSTITUTO DE VALENCIA DE DON
JUAN; MUSEO DEL PRA
O; AND THE LIRIA PALACE.

4. BEDINI ALSO MAY VISIT INSTITUTIONS IN PALOS, SEVILLE,
PORTO SANTO, BARCELONA, TOLEDO, VALLADOLID, VALENCIA,
GRANADA, AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE DUQUE DE VERAGUA.

5. BEDINI WILL VISIT EMBASSY AND CONSULATES IN OTHER
CITIES ON ITINERY AND WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS
REGARDING SOURCES ON SUBJECT OF VISIT. KISSINGER

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